

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/EP2004/008873

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C08G59/10 C14C3/22

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C08G C14C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 3 738 945 A (DIXON K ET AL) 12 June 1973 (1973-06-12) examples 2,3 -----	1-9
X	EP 0 431 739 A (BUCKMAN LABOR INC) 12 June 1991 (1991-06-12) examples 6-9; tables 2,3 -----	1-9
X	US 3 573 095 A (RAY-CHAUDHURI DILIP K ET AL) 30 March 1971 (1971-03-30) column 5, line 1; claims; examples 3-8 -----	1-10
X	WO 97/28687 A (BUCKMAN LABOR INC) 14 August 1997 (1997-08-14) page 1, line 24; claims page 9, line 13 - page 10, line 12 page 12, lines 4-24 ----- -/--	1-10

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- *G* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

18 November 2004

Date of mailing of the international search report

25/11/2004

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Ellrich, K

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/EP2004/008873

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>EP 0 738 608 A (CANON KK) 23 October 1996 (1996-10-23) cited in the application page 5, line 6 - page 6, line 41; claims 3-9</p> <p>-----</p>	6-9

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No

PCT/EP2004/008873

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 3738945	A	12-06-1973	US RE28808 E US RE28807 E	11-05-1976 11-05-1976
EP 0431739	A	12-06-1991	US 5051124 A AR 246497 A1 AT 174188 T AU 634296 B2 AU 6485290 A BR 9005463 A CA 2027869 A1 DE 69032819 D1 DE 69032819 T2 EP 0431739 A1 ES 2127182 T3 FI 97194 B JP 3151306 A MX 164910 B NO 904578 A , B, NZ 235591 A ZA 9007920 A	24-09-1991 31-08-1994 15-12-1998 18-02-1993 02-05-1991 17-09-1991 25-04-1991 21-01-1999 29-04-1999 12-06-1991 16-04-1999 31-07-1996 27-06-1991 01-10-1992 25-04-1991 26-10-1993 28-08-1991
US 3573095	A	30-03-1971	NONE	
WO 9728687	A	14-08-1997	AT 209438 T AU 724312 B2 AU 2118797 A BR 9707318 A CA 2247375 A1 CN 1210442 A , B CZ 9802336 A3 DE 69708610 D1 EP 0884944 A1 ES 2166066 T3 JP 2000504690 T NO 983610 A NZ 331248 A SK 101998 A3 WO 9728687 A1 US 6103666 A US 5843865 A ZA 9701009 A	15-12-2001 14-09-2000 28-08-1997 13-04-1999 14-08-1997 10-03-1999 16-12-1998 10-01-2002 23-12-1998 01-04-2002 18-04-2000 07-10-1998 27-03-2000 02-12-1998 14-08-1997 15-08-2000 01-12-1998 30-10-1997
EP 0738608	A	23-10-1996	JP 9003336 A DE 69622623 D1 DE 69622623 T2 EP 0738608 A2 US 6143363 A US 5861194 A	07-01-1997 05-09-2002 19-12-2002 23-10-1996 07-11-2000 19-01-1999